

AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS TO INVENTION:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend Claim 2 as follows:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): A changeable signage system comprising:

a signboard having a substantially planar surface;

a pair of upper and lower character holding tracks extending in a parallel manner relative to each other and being affixed to said signboard, said upper and lower character holding tracks each having a back portion spaced apart at a predetermined distance;

a plurality of characters formed on thin rectangular substrates, each having a height slightly less than said predetermined distance between said back portions of said upper and lower character holding tracks, and capable of being front and/or end loaded into said upper and lower character holding tracks; and

~~character locking means operably associated with at least said upper character holding track and said plurality of characters, for preventing unauthorized removal of said characters from said upper and lower character holding tracks~~

a pair of character locking strips slid between the top of said characters and said upper character holding track and releasably fixed to said signboard so as to lock said characters in place within said upper and lower character holding tracks and prevent unauthorized removal of said characters from said upper and lower character holding tracks.

Claims 3-4 (canceled)